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FOLLOWING REPEAT LUSAKA 1545 ACTION SECSTATE DATED MAY2,1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1545

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TAGS: OVIP (KAUNDA, KENNETH) ZA

SUBJ: KAUNDA VISIT: CUBAN INTERVENTION THEME

REF: LUSAKA 1522

1. BILL MOYERS HAD TWO AND A HALF HOUR SESSION WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR FILMING OF CBS SPECIAL ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. DURING THE COURSE OF IT, KAUNDA SPOKE OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON (OFF CAMERA) IN TERMS VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE HE HAD USED IN REFTTEL WITH DAVID MARTIN AND COLIN LEGUM, IF NOT SOMEWHAT STRONGER. THE PRESIDENT TOLD MOYERS THAT WHETHER OR NOT CUBAN TROOPS COME TO ZAMBIA WAS UP TO PRESIDENT CARTER. HE, KAUNDA, WOULD MAKE A DEFINITE DECISION ON THE MATTER AFTER SEEING  
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HOW PRESIDENT CARTER RESPONDS TO THE VISIT. HE THOUGHT HIS DECISION COULD BE MADE BY THE TIME OF "THE U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY."

2. MOYERS SAID IT WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR JUST WHAT KAUNDA WAS EXPECTING FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT IT PROBABLY CONSISTED OF SATISFACTION IN THREE AREAS--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA,

REAFFIRMATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND PROMISE OF ACTION TO BRING PRESSURES ON SOUTH AFRICA IN TERMS OF DISINVESTMENT BY U.S. BUSINESSES.

3. SINCE MOYERS' PROGRAM IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE AIRED UNTIL SEPTEMBER, HE HAD CONFINED HIS DISCUSSION LARGELY TO SOUTH AFRICA AND AVOIDED ASKING QUESTIONS ON RHODESIA, WHERE HE RECOGNIZES EVENTS ARE MOVING SO FAST THAT WHATEVER IS SAID NOW IS LIKELY TO BE OUT OF DATE THEN. IN MOYERS' VIEW IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THEREFORE THAT KAUNDA WOULD ALSO BE SEEKING COMMITMENTS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER IN REGARD TO OUR SUPPORT FOR PRESSURES TO GET SMITH OUT AND IMPOSE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

4. KAUNDA FREELY ACKNOWLEDGED TO MOYERS HIS SUPPORT FOR NKOMO. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD PROMISED NKOMO IN 1965 AT THE TIME OF UDI THAT HE WOULD NOT FOREGO HIM, AND HE INTENDS TO STAND BY HIS WORD. IF AMERICANS INTERPRET HIS ACTIONS AS FAVORING NKOMO FOR LEADERSHIP OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE, THEY ARE CORRECT, HE SAID.

5. COMMENT: KAUNDA FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT IF LEFT TO WHITE AND BLACK AFRICANS IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE COULD BE ACHIEVED IN RHODESIA. HE HAS ALWAYS REJECTED BRITISH PROTESTATIONS THAT THEY NEVER RULED RHODESIA, AND FOR TWELVE YEARS HAS DEMANDED THEY ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY  
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FOR THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO BRING MAJORITY RULE. KAUNDA WELCOMED KISSINGER'S LUSAKA SPEECH IN APRIL 1976 ASSOCIATING THE U.S. WITH EFFORTS TO FIND A RHODESIA SOLUTION. BUT THE FORMER SECRETARY'S STYLE WAS NOT HIS OWN, AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL THIS ADMINISTRATION THAT HE WAS REALLY ABLE TO IDENTIFY PERSONALLY WITH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP. THE COINCIDENCE OF HIS DEEP PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND HIS SINGLE-MINDED DEVOTION TO AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA LEADS HIM TO HIS PRESENT FRAME OF MIND IN WHICH HE WISHES TO PLACE ON U.S. SHOULDERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A FINAL SOLUTION THERE.

6. KAUNDA IS AN IMPRESSIONABLE MAN. THE SINCERITY OF AN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT IS ALMOST AS IMPORTANT TO HIM AS THE SPECIFICS INVOLVED. HE FEELS ISOLATED AND EXPOSED, AND IS LOOKING TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOR COMFORT. IT IS IN THIS SENSE THAT WE INTERPRET HIS DEMANDS FOR REASSURANCE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. HIS DESPERATION STEMS FROM HAVING SEEN ALL OF HIS EFFORTS OVER TEN YEARS TO RESOLVE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM COME TO NOTHING. HE WILL THEREFORE ALSO DEMAND CONCRETE MEASURES AS WELL AS REASSURANCE. WE BELIEVE HE SINCERELY WANTS TO AVOID THE CUBAN ROUTE. HOWEVER, IF IN VIEW OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

(RHODESIAN REPRISALS AGAINST ZAMBIA, FOR EXAMPLE) HE AGREES  
TO A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE CUBAN PRESENCE, HE WILL SEEK  
TO JUSTIFY HIS ACTION BY BLAMING THE WEST AND SPECIFICALLY  
THE U.S. FOR HAVING FORCED HIM TO TAKE SUCH AN ACTION BY FAILING  
TO GET RID OF SMITH.  
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